

Kirk Happenings

March 15, 2020

SAVE THE DATES

"Court Days"

Acts of Faith Performance

March 27th @ 7pm & March

28th @ 2pm & 7pm

April 3rd @ 7pm & April 4th

@ 2pm & 7pm

Five Wishes

Adult Sunday School

Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 9:30AM

Palm Sunday

April 5

Maundy Thursday

April 9 7PM

Foot Washing, Love Feast &

Communion

Easter Sunday

April 12

Yard Sale

Freeman High School

May 2

Mental Health First Aid

Training (Henrico MH)

May 2 8:30 - 5:00

to register call 804-741-5254

or email Karen at

gavtonkirk@gmail.com

"The Bible Tells Me So Show"

May 9 5:30 PM

**Musical & Fundraiser for
Montreat Worship Conference**

Dear Friends,

In 2019 the Session at The Gayton Kirk voted to provide our congregation and me with a three-month sabbatical. This is a great opportunity for us to change up our pace and do things a little differently. It is also a time when I will set aside some time for renewal. We are making sure that there will be adequate pastoral presence at The Kirk and that we are all exploring what we need to do to deepen our spiritual lives and attend to the needs of the development of leaders in our congregation.

For the next two Sundays, March 15 and March 22, Elder Carol Woodcock will have some surveys asking for your thoughts about our joint endeavor to refresh and rest. I hope you will give her your thoughts. We are applying for a grant to cover the expenses of the sabbatical which will very likely take place in 2021.

We will keep you in the loop!

In Christ,

Janet

About the Corona Virus

Wash your hands.

Don't touch your face.

We will only serve bread during communion.

For the time being we will collect the offering at the back row of the sanctuary seating – just as you enter the sanctuary.

If you feel that coming out to church is dangerous or you feel apprehensive, please stay home. We are glad to send you a copy of the bulletin if you would let us know you would like one. Be safe.

As one friend said, "stop. drop. and pray."

Praying for a virus interruption,

Janet

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!



**PALM
SUNDAY.
APRIL 5**

Palm Sunday Processional
One of our Kirk traditions is to have lots of people – especially children – join in to process for the Palm Sunday Procession, April 5 at the beginning of the 11 AM Service. We will rehearse at 10:30 AM for anyone who wishes to be part of the procession as Jesus comes into Jerusalem. Meet in the sanctuary and pick up a Palm to rehearse with as we go through the staging.



**EASTER
FESTIVAL
CHOIR.
APRIL 12**

We would like anyone who likes to sing but doesn't have the time to be a weekly participant in the choir to join the choir at the 11 AM service on April 12 - Easter. We will be singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from the Messiah coupled with "Jesus Christ is Risen Today", "Thine is the Glory" and "Now the Green Blade Rises". We will be accompanied by a string quartet, trumpets, flute and handbells. It would be very helpful if you could come to 2 - 3 rehearsals. We will rehearse Thursdays at 7:30 PM. Rehearsals for Easter should only last about 30 - 40 minutes.

"COURT DAYS"

A Tale of the Old Dominion

"Court Days", set in antebellum Virginia, tells the tale of a slave killing an overseer. But it's not what you expect – the slave's master turns Prince Henry county upside down by defending the slave instead of the overseer. This master isn't the first to upend life in Prince Henry though. Years before another master freed all his slaves setting up a community of free African Americans in the county.

"Court Days" looks at the tension between all the people of Prince Henry county when an enslaved person kills a white man. This **Acts of Faith Theatre Festival** production examines people's faith in the status quo and having faith that you're doing the right thing. Based on an actual Virginia court case from 1825 featured in the award-winning history *Israel on the Appomattox* by William and Mary professor Melvin Patrick Ely.

"COURT DAYS" Performances

Fri March 27 at 7 p.m. Sat Mar. 28 at 2 & 7 p.m.

Fri April 3 at 7 p.m. Sat April 4 at 2 and 7 p.m.

All performances at

The Gayton Kirk Presbyterian Church,
11421 Gayton Road, Henrico, Virginia 23238

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID **FREE WORKSHOP**

May 2 2020 8:30 PM - 5PM

Please call 804-727-8058 for additional information

**There are 6 participant spots available for folks from
The Gayton Kirk.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAR 15

8:30 AM Celtic Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School-5 Wishes
10:30 AM Memorial Bells
10:50 AM Chancel Choir
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:15 PM Bible Tells Me So
Show Rehearsal
5:00 PM Jazz Vespers

MONDAY, MAR 16

10:00 AM NO History of The Bible
11:00 AM NO Coffee & Scripture
12:30 PM Stretch & Tone
7:00 PM Art by Hand
7:00 PM Bagpipes Rehearsal

TUESDAY, MAR 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day

9:45 AM Preschool Story Time
10:00 AM Tai Chi
11:00 AM Orff
12:00 PM Creative Expressions
1:00 PM Beginning Bridge
4:30 PM Yoga
6:00 PM Faith & Film

WEDNESDAY, MAR 18

10:00 AM Discovering Bible
11:30 AM NO Spirituality Connections
12:30 PM NO Community Lunch
1:00 PM Taize
7:00 PM Taize
7:45 PM NO Spirituality Connections

THURSDAY, MAR 19

12:30 PM Stretch & Tone
1:00 PM Writing Your Memoir
1:30 PM NO Staff Mtg.
6:30 PM Memorial Bells
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, MAR 22

8:30 AM Celtic Worship Service
9:30 AM Sunday School-5 Wishes
10:30 AM Chancel Choir
11:00 AM Worship Service
12:15 PM Bible Tells Me So
Show Rehearsal
3:00 PM Family Yoga
5:00 PM Jazz Vespers

The Lenten Season at The Gayton Kirk

Beginning Sunday, March 1, 9:30 - 10:30 AM, we will meet in the sanctuary to use the **Five Wishes** advance care planning guide to journey together and discuss thoughts, support each other, and wonder about what is **actually important** to us.

[Five Wishes](#) allows you to express:

- *The person you trust to make decisions for you*
- *What types of medical treatment you would want - or not want*
- *What is most important for your comfort and dignity*
- *What important spiritual or faith traditions should be remembered*
- *What you want your loved ones and healthcare providers to know about you*

celebrate
st. patrick's
at the kirk.



tues mar 17 6 pm

It's Faith and Film night and we'll view *The Secret of Kells*, a gorgeously animated fantasy (but historically based) about the origins of Ireland's greatest artistic treasure, *The Book of Kells*.

Housed in Trinity College Library in Dublin, this amazing treasure contains the four gospels beautifully illuminated by monastic artist/scribes. It dates to about 800 AD and is thought to have originated on the Isle of Iona from whence Scotland was evangelized. The film won a 91% from the Rotten Tomatoes critics.

PLUS: We'll enjoy a corned beef and cabbage dinner with potatoes, carrots and Irish soda bread (**No Charge**).

There will be **Irish favors** for all and a special prize for the one with the highest percentage of Irish heritage (bring you DNA results).

Remember to wear **green** and/or **green** and **orange**!

RSVP BOB CHESNUT
chenutra@gmail.com



Offering and Attendance Report Mar.

Offering to Date \$ 5,152.00

Amount Needed Monthly \$21,514.92

Attendance week of 3/08/2020

8:30 AM Celtic Worship – 26

11AM Worship – 51

5 PM Jazz Vespers – 20

1 PM Taize- 3 7 PM Taizé—13

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your name is not on the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office. 804-741-5254

MARCH

- 3/01 – Barbara Warner(b)
 3/02 – Kylee Carroll(b)
 3/03 – Bland Weaver(b)
 Carlos and Nora Lara(a)
 3/05 – David Owens(b)
 3/08 – Joyce Broad(b)
 3/09 – Sam and Bev Baird(a)
 3/10 – Nancy Lanier(b); Leah Viar(b)
 Susie Mote(b)
 3/13 – Neil and Marney Titmus(a)
 3/15 – Michael and Betty Doll(a)
 3/16 – Brody Izod(b)
 3/17 – Jim and Marion Collins(a)
 3/18 – Ron Inlow(b); Marie Barnett(b)
 3/19 – Angela Gray(b); Bev Inlow(b)
 3/21 – Page Peyser(b)
 3/22 – Amy Taylor(b); Agnaldo Neves(b)
 3/23 – Nora Lara(b)
 3/24 – Jan Simpson(b)
 3/26 – Sharon Kramer(b)
 Marion Brown(b)
 3/28 – Sarah Wilson(b)
 3/29 – Walter and Betsy Kennedy(a)
 3/31 – Brian Carroll(b)
 Patrick McCreery(b)
 Susan Stanewick(b)
 Mindy Sue Bertram(b)

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PRAYERS

Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks only. (Please notify the church office if you wish to extend your request for two more weeks.) Due to the respect of privacy we will no longer use last names except for death notices.

For peace, for those in military service, and their families:

Mike & Megan Dumas Rob Blackwell Ryan Stephenson
 Aaron Gervolino Travis Queen Robbie Johnston
 Taylor Wilson Son of Susan Bell Katie Queen
 Kevin Lyons (in Afghanistan) Quinton Robertson
 Josh Welborn (in Germany) Ben Walsh
 Sabrina F.B. Dias (Iraq)

For Continued Health Issues: Kasci, Ria, BJ, Sally, Harriet, Charlie, Lorette, Peggy, JP, Ginny, Harriet, Charlie, Toni, Sharon, Douglas, Frances, Smitty, Douglas, Sandy, Cathleen, Tim, Gretchen, Sandra, Susan, Pat, Valerie, Sandra B, Rhonda, Beth, Barbara, Kay, Lois, Sharon, Dorothy, Linda C.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS**MARCH 1, 2020**

Virginia Council of Churches

Betty Stonnell

Lil Bit; prayers for health issues

John; prayers for health-getting over the flu

Chrestine, for healing

Bland and Joy as they mourn the death of Bland's father

Sandra

David; prayers for healing

MARCH 8, 2020

Prayers for healing & strength to Mona & Patrick

Nancy

Sue

Prayers for Bagheera as he journeys to Heaven

Prayers for a safe journey for Steve

Prayers for improved health for Phillip

Continued wellness for Jamie

David; prayers for relief of pain

Prayers for Madison to make better choices & get all

assignments in school caught up & stay caught up

Kortni; prayers for rest, peace, and help with care for

Matt

Matt; prayers for improved health

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